

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS22994

This legislation codifies the public schools Math Initiative as a matter of policy. The Math Initiative has existed continuously since FY 2008, but has only existed pursuant to the annual intent language in the public schools appropriation bill. Since FY 2008, the Math Initiative has provided meaningful professional development that has helped improve the teaching of math in classrooms across Idaho, and has provided regional math support personnel who work directly with local educators within their regions. Maintaining Idaho's commitment to high quality, effective math instruction in our public schools will help students develop the math skills that are critical to their future success.

FISCAL NOTE

No fiscal impact, since the dollar amount allocated for the Math Initiative would still be set through the public schools appropriation bill. The current budget for the Math Initiative is approximately \$2 million.

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